Two old buildings are coming down in Marlinton. The two story building next to Marlinton Motor Sales was recently purchased by them from Mrs. Paul Overholt. It was built by her father, Paul Golden, probably between 1900-1905, as a warehouse. He bought wool and the big long sacks were suspended from the second floor stringers and were filled from the second floor. There used to be a smaller building next to it that was a chicken house and a coal house.

A second building coming down is owned by Marlinton Electric and is next to the Opera House. It formerly was a two-story building but after a fire was made into one story. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Slaven lived in the apartment upstairs at one time, also Mr. and Mrs. Tilton. The downstairs housed a three-chair barber shop for many years. Paul Gladwell was a barber there and remembers Bill Long, "Cotton" Roberts, Frank Moore, Elmer Palmer, and Clyde Evans as being other barbers who worked there. He thinks the barber shop closed about 1940.

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1976

PCHS Commencement

The Sixth Annual Commencement Exercises of Pocahontas County High School will be held Friday night, May 28, 1976, at 8:00 in the school gymnasium. The program will be conducted by students from the top ten per cent of the graduating class. Remarks will be made by J. Moffett McNeel, Jr., President of the Pocahontas County Board of Education, and Dr. James Lannan, Superintendent of Pocahontas County Schools. Diplomas will be given out by Dr. Lannan, assisted by Kenneth E. Vance, Principal of Pocahontas County High School, and Robert Seaman, assistant principal of Pocahontas County High School. Music will be provided by Mrs. Frances Eskridge. The public is invited to attend.

Members of the Senior Class:

Thomas Allen Arbogast
Bonnie Auldridge
Samuel Price Barlow II
Frank Lacy Barrett, Jr.
Alison L. Becker
Jeffrey Allen Bennett
Sandra Katrina Woods Beverage
Loretta Sue Rexrode Blankenship
Adam Charles Bond
Thomas W. Boothe
Diana Grace Buchanan
Kathleen Elaine Burks
Denise Alma Cain
Sherry Dale Calhoun
Eugene R. Carpenter
Curtis Bruce Carr
Karen Jean Cauley
Virginia Lee Cloonan
Douglas Martin Colaw
o*Anita Susan Crist
o*Gregory O. Curry
oJames Edward Cutlip
Mary Elizabeth Curry Dilley
Lewis Michael Dunbrack
John William Evans
Kitty Jena Galford
Lee G. Good
Debra C. Grimes
Emery Gilmer Grimes
Erma Louise Grimes
Rebecca Jo Grimes
Alfred Renick Gum, Jr.
o*Donald C. Gum II
Marilynn Elizabeth Gum
Richard B. Harper
Stephen Dale Hefner
Dick Richard Hickman
William Dallas Hill
Larry D. Holson
Marshall Allan Hoover
Norma Jean Irvine
Anetta Johnston
David R, Jonese
Karen Lynn Kellison
Susan Jane Kershner
Paul Allen Kesler, Jr.
o*Kris Douglas Kuhlken
Sally Lynn Lambert
Mary Ann Lightner
Fredrick Dale Long
Geraldine Patsy Mace
Debra Jean Martin
o*Elizabeth C. Martin
Faye Ellen Matheny
Steve McCarty
Robert C. McClure
Steven Victor McCoy
Carolyn S. McLaughlin
Estelle Cook McLaughlin
Michael Smith McLaughlin
Patrick Smith McLaughlin
Joseph Alan McMillion
Georgia McNeill
Randolph Curtis McPaters
Janice Carlene Millican
Gary W. Moats
Gloria Elaine Moats
Sherry Lee Wyatt Moore
Forrest L. Mullenax
Christopher P. Mullens
o*Randall Kenneth Nottingham
o* Larry G. Offutt
o Mary Jane Oref
Donald L. Pritt
John David Puffenbarger
Kathy Lynn Richmond
Janet Lee Rosencrance
Jimmie Arlie Ryder, Jr.
Mildred Carol Ryder
Debra A. Scott
Karen Elizabeth Scott
George Daniel Sewell
Debbie Lynn Sharp
James William Sharp
Leona Faye Sharp
Jeffrey L. Shaw
Annette Cheryl Shifflett
Linda E. Shue
Diana L. Simmons
Janie Lusk Slaven
David A. Stanley
Christine Rosalita Taylor
o*Gary Wayne Taylor
Mary Kathryn Taylor
Rachel Elizabeth Taylor
Bradley Allen Thomas
George Lee Thomas
Paula Jean Phillips Thomas
Kennison A. Thompson, Jr.
Priscilla Jean Tincher
John Joseph Totten
Michael L. Totten
Sandra E. Triplett
Edward Lee Turner
Mary Ann Johnston Vandevender
Teresa Lynn VanReenen
Debra L. Varela
Alberta Esther Varner
Harrison Eugene Varner
John Freeman Walker
Jeffrey Douglas Weiford
o*Charles Albert Wilfong
o*Janetta Irene Williams
Alan Todd Wright
Emma L. Young

*Top Ten Percent
oNational Honor Society

Add
David Lee Buzzard
Patrice Varner Marlow

Golden Horseshoe Winners

Highest Scorers on the Pocahontas County West Virginia Golden Horseshoe test are:

Greg Friel
Layton Beverage
Anne Burns
Vera Wade

They are all students in Marlinton Elementary School.

Greg Friel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Friel.

Layton Beverage is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Beverage.

Anne Burns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns, Jr.

Vera Wade is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Camie Wade.

These students will go to Charleston this Friday, May 21, to be dubbed Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe by the State Superintendent of Schools, Daniel B. Taylor.

In a morning assembly they will be addressed by Governor Moore, William Brotherton, president of the Senate, and Lewis McManus, speaker of the House, and Superintendent Taylor. They will meet members of the Board of Public Works.

The Golden Horseshoe Ceremony, which began in 1930, is a climax of West Virginia studies, including history, geography, industry, geology, flora and fauna, natural resources, and government. The tests are prepared and scored by the State Department of Education.

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on May 11.

Fred Burns, Jr., and Doug Dunbrack met with the Board to request the use of the Marlinton Athletic Field June 7—12 or June 14—19 for a carnival sponsored by the Marlinton Fire Department. This request was approved.

The Board approved the following school excursions using private transportation:

Hillsboro second grade to the Edray Fish Hatchery and Edray Community Center for field trip and class picnic on May 27.

A sheep shearing school on May 13 and 15.

High School Forestry and Building Maintenance classes to visit Westvaco Gauley Woodland timber operations on May 12.

High School Forestry class to visit the Westvaco paper mill at Covington on May 13.

Hillsboro Fifth Grade to have field trip to Cranberry Glades on May 18.

Marlinton Eighth Grades to Watoga State Park for a class trip on June 2.

Marlinton Kindergarten to Foodland for a field trip on May 13 and 18.

The Board approved the use of school buses for the following trips: Special Education students from PCHS to the W. Va. Special Olympics in Parkersburg on June 4 and 5.

Senior Class at the High School to the Observatory for a senior class picnic on May 25 or 26.

The Board approved the use of school buses to transport campers to and from a Youth Opportunity Camp to be held in June at the 4-H Camp at Thornwood.

The request of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church Women to use the Hillsboro cafeteria on May 29 for the Alumni Banquet was approved.

The Board accepted an office machine service contract for PCHS submitted by Brewer Office Equipment Company of Lewisburg.

Approval was given for the use of three buses, drivers, and folding chairs by the National Youth Science Camp, June 27 through July 19.

The Board approved the use of two buses and drivers for the Scenic River Clean-up Campaign this summer.

The request for the use of the mini-bus to transport students to the High School for the Summer Driver Education Program was approved.

Miss Rebecca Ann Fleming was employed as a science teacher at Hillsboro Elementary School for the 1976-77 school term.

Harry Booth was employed as Physical Education teacher at Marlinton Elementary School for the 1976-77 school year.

Mrs. Donna Barksdale was transferred from teaching the first grade at Marlinton to Title I Reading Specialist. This is a new position and is designed as a corrective program. Mrs. Barksdale will diagnose reading problems and sug-

gest teaching methods to be used by the classroom teacher to overcome these problems. She will be working in the Title I schools—Durbin, Marlinton and Hillsboro.

Miss Laurel Puleo was employed as First Grade teacher at Marlinton Elementary school for the 1976-77 school term.

The resignation of Miss Wanda Wimer, Title I Speech therapist, at the end of the 1975-76 school year was accepted. Miss Wimer resigned to attend graduate school.

Mrs. Yvonne Lannan was employed as Librarian at Marlinton Elementary School for the 1976-77 term.

The employment period of Mrs. Louise Barnisky, Marlinton School Cafeteria Manager, was extended to eleven months.

Miss Deborah Faulknier was employed as a substitute teacher for the 1976-77 school term.

Approval was given for the use of various Marlinton School facilities during Pioneer Days, July 9-10.

Moffett McNeel was chosen to represent the Board at the graduation ceremonies at the High School on May 28.

May 28 was set as the day for the Eighth Grade students to go to the High School to register for the Ninth Grade.

The Board reviewed the bids received for the construction of a wing to the vocational building of the High School to house the Drafting and Nurses Aide programs and a separate building to be used as a Maintenance Lab. Two bids were received and had been opened on April 23. Kyle Construction Company, Summersville, bid $136,951 on the wing and $27,049 on the lab building while Moss Associates, Harrisonburg, Virginia, bid $126,834 and $33,425; with only $146,000 available for the project, to both build and equip these new facilities, both bids were too high. The matter was turned over to the Vocational Education Advisory Committee, consisting of G. M. Peery, David Smith, James Lannan, Moffett McNeel, Kenneth Vance, and Tony Hamed, for their consideration. This committee recommended to the Board that the Maintenance Lab part of the program be eliminated and that the Board's architect, K. F. Weimer, negotiate with the two bidders to attempt to bring the price on the Vocational Wing to $124,000, so $22,000 will be left for equipment. The Board approved this recommendation.

The Board approved the April payroll in the amount of $174,783,27.

The next regular Board meeting will be on May 25.

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Open Letter to the People of Pocahontas County

I am writing this letter three days after the election and I still cannot believe that 65% or 2163 of the voters of Pocahontas County voted against the safety and health of the 1486 children who attend the elementary schools of the county. I suppose most of the people who voted against the issue did not attend the public meetings and do not realize that the present schools are unsafe.

Many of these elementary children are sitting in classrooms under plaster ceilings attached to wooden slats which have been hanging there more than fifty years. Periodically areas as large as ten feet square fall from these ceilings, knocking large holes in the school furniture. Fortunately, so far, there have been no children sitting under the areas where plaster has fallen. If they had been, their heads could have been split wide open; because these pieces of plaster are usually one and a half inches thick and do not fall flat as one might suppose, but turn to fall on their edges.

In my twenty-three years as principal at Hillsboro, I know of three attempts at arson in those buildings. One fire, of undetermined origin, in a classroom on Sunday was caught by an alert custodian, and extinguished by the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department in time to save the old Hillsboro Elementary School. I also saw the old Bus Garage at Hillsboro burn flat to the ground within fifteen minutes. One school bus was burned and two bus drivers barely escaped with their lives. I also witnessed the two fires at the Board of Education Building and at the old Marlinton High School. Most people do not realize how rapidly these fires can spread nor the intense heat that can be generated which will ignite any combustible materials in the building.

The 1975-76 fire marshal's report lists 94 violations in the county schools. These include inadequate and unsafe fire exits, combustible wooden and glass classroom doors which must be replaced with fire resistant doors, and electrical wiring which does not meet the National Code. Also, among the requirements are installation of escape routes from all second and third story classrooms. The chances are good that if a fire occurred in any of the present buildings, during school hours, the loss of life from smoke inhalation or fire could be catastrophic.

We are fortunate to have been born Americans. But what brought our great country into existence and made it the envy of most other countries in the World? One of Thomas

Jefferson's persistant ideas was that education of all the people participating in a democracy would bring about greatness for our country. Our forefathers in Pocahontas County believed in education. How right they all were! Education has made our country great.

Some of the people long for the "good old days" of one room schools, which weren't so good when one thinks about them. I attended a two room school which dwindled to a one room school before I finished the eighth grade at Minnehaha Springs. I also taught one room schools for three years. Each of them had outside toilets, Brunside stoves, and no running water. I have seen children who walked three miles to school on very cold mornings come in crying because their feet were nearly frozen. The treatment was to put their feet in a pan of cold water, which felt warm to the feet, until they thawed and didn't hurt anymore. There are many good things to say about the one room schools; among them are that discipline at school usually meant discipline at home, teachers were respected and usually invited to the home for meals or to spend the night, parents were determined that their children were to receive the education that they themselves were unable to attain. The people that built these one room schools and the presently occupied schools at Hillsboro, Marlinton, Green Bank, and Durbin had to sacrifice in order to get them. They had no automobiles, no indoor plumbing, no television, no radio, nor central heating; all are considered almost essential in most present day Pocahontas County homes. Their taxes were certainly more percentagewise than the pittance asked in the recent election.

I am not advocating a return to the one room school, they are gone forever, but the recent election shows that we have lost something that we have got to get back. Something that I thought we had; such as pride in our school system, a determination that our children have a better education that we had, and that they have opportunities for educational advancement equal to or better than other counties in the state. Our surrounding counties of Greenbrier, Nicholas, Webster, and Randolph have passed bond issues similar to the one just defeated. Don't the children of Pocahontas County deserve the same opportunities as other counties?

I publicly urge the Pocahontas County Board of Education to call a special election and resubmit the issue as soon as practical. In the meantime, perhaps the 1163 people who voted for the bond issue can convince the others that the need is urgent. Let us not wait until tragedy strikes.

Charles Moore
Former teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools, Pocahontas County

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THURSDAY, APR. 29, 1976

Early Settlers

Sam Hill has compiled the following list of the early settlers of Pocahontas County from the pages of Rev. W. T. Price's book, "Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County." The page number follows each name.

Adam Arbogast, 122; William Auldridge, 368; Col. John Baxter, 50; Henry Baker, 463; John Beard, 548; Josiah Beard, 343; John Bradshaw, 505; James & John Bridger, 558; David Bright, 542; Joseph Brown, 363; John Bruffey, 117; Joshua Buckley, 211; John Burgess, 351; Abram Burner, 426; Reuben Bussard, 538; Valentine Cackley, 197; James Callison, 435; Lewis Canaan, 565; Michael Cleek, 379; William Clendenin, 155; John Cochran, 155; Thomas Cochran, 422; John Collins, 412; John Conrad, 397; Joseph & Andrew Crouch, 565; Michael Daugherty, 400; Henry Dilley, 298; Charles Lawrence and Thomas Drinnon, 459; Abram Duffield, 451; William Edmiston, 439; John Ewing, 612; John Flemmens, 274; Jeremiah Friel, 175; Thomas Galford, 269; Robert Gay, 128; David Gibson, 195; Felix Grimes, 188; David Hannah, 219; Richard Hill, 116; William Higgins, 273; Ellis Hughes, 108; Peter Ingram, 273; David James, 347; John Jordan, 500; George Kee, 292; Daniel Kerr, 376; Charles & Jacob Kinnison, 149; James Lackey, 567; Peter Lightner, 180; Jacob Marlin, 105; Timothy Mc Carty, 404; Dan McCollam, 229; John McNeel, 135; Thomas McNeil, 381; John Moore, 289; William Moore, 355; Levi Moore, 284; Moses Moore, 108.

William Nottingham, 526; William Poage, 513; Frank Riffle, 567; Stephen Sewell, 104; Jacob Seybert, 140; John Sharp, 213; William Sharp, 331; John Slaven, 144; John Smith, 302; James Tallman, 486; John Warwick, 428; Jacob Warwick, 234; John Webb, 416; John & William White, 565; Alexander Waddell, 479; Ralph & Stephen Wanless, 455; James Waugh, 336; Samuel Waugh, 338; John Yeager, 442; William Young, 306.

The Pocahontas County Historical Society is hoping to locate the sites of the homes of as many of these and other early Pocahontas County pioneers as possible. Then it is hoped to mark these sites with a suitable marker as one of the County's Bicentennial projects. We hope that the descendants of these pioneers will take an active interest in this project.

If you have any information as to the location of these homes, please send it to Sam Hill, Hillpoint, Hillsboro, W. Va. 24946.

Early Pioneers

Anyone who is a descendant of the early pioneers of Pocahontas County of the Revolutionary Period or anyone who has knowledge of the location of their cabins or homes is asked to write to Sam Hill, Hillpoint, Hillsboro, W. Va. 24946. Mr. Hill is working on a Pocahontas Bicentennial project to mark the locations of the early cabins and farm homes. Some people have given him some information verbally but he wold like to have it written. Sometimes verbal details are forgotten.

Add Henry Harper, Page 393.

...quares on the Senate floor has ...en Russell Long, D-La., the ro... ...ish Senate Finance chairman, in ...s customary role as medicine man ... the lobbyists.

Do the airlines want their unused ...estment tax credits refunded? ...racadabra! Long provided them ...h a $300 million loophole. Would ...bil Oil like to continue claiming ...eign tax credits on property it no ...ger owns? Alacazam! Long pro... ...ed another loophole, worth $40 ...lion a year to Mobil. He fash... ...ed two more loopholes, which his ...r oil heirs will be able to use to ...ape hundreds of thousands of dol... ...in taxes.

But Long's legislative legerde... ...in raised a howl, louder than ...al, from reform-minded senators ... public interest groups. Sen. Wil... ...n Proxmire, D-Wis., called ...g's sleight-of-hand the greatest ...away since "Peter Stuyvesant ...ed the Indians out of Manhattan ...nd for $24."

...tung by the criticism, Long has ...red to reopen his hearings to air ... protests against more than 50 ...ial-interest amendments — loop... ...s of varying sizes which he ...d into the tax bill. He is expect... ... use the hearings to answer the ...ks and, if possible, to placate ...ublic.

...t this time, it will take more ... Long's fast talk to quiet the ...ic. Polls show that only one ...

has jumped 65 per cent during the past six years. The average American now works more than four months of each year to earn enough to pay his taxes, a situation which prompts tax fighters to point out that in the Dark Ages, serfs labored only three months a year for their masters.

The very complexity of the tax law, with 6,000 pages of rules and regulations, also repels many. Two out of five taxpayers now require professional help on their returns, thus adding accountants' fees to the tax burden.

Moreover, all the exceptions and special treatments in the tax laws convince many taxpayers that these are laws meant to be broken by the clever and those who can afford to hire the clever. When it is revealed that 3,000 Americans with incomes over $50,000 paid no federal income tax in a recent year and that 11 major corporations paid no income tax despite substantial earnings, it fuels the public cynicism. The tax laws have less and less moral authority.

This has led to a noncompliance rate that is staggering. An estimated five to ten million Americans, who owe taxes, don't even bother to file returns. There are many more millions of semi-outlaws who admit only the income that their employers report to the government and hide additional earnings that are not

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"That's him! My dad! ... at the same time as

WILLIAM F

That 'F... Jimmy

They still don't quite know wha... hit them, but the preliminary r... sponse by Democrats from all ove... the country has been gratifying.

The Democrats tend to recogniz... power, and in Jimmy Carter the ... came upon it, and are settling dow... without major demonstrations of re... sentment. One reaches for symbols... Jimmy Reston's references to Car... er are now uniformly deferential... Mayor Daley, whose iron grip ove... the Illinois delegation was not cha... lenged this year, instructed the dele... gation to vote for Carter.

One dissenter said he would no... go along. Daley replied in character... istic fashion: "We'll report the dele...

...great credit for the part he did in helping to develop our county.

Shall appreciate your looking into it.

Sincerely,

Enid Harper

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Dear Jane,

Mr. Sam Hill omitted the name of Henry Harper, my great, great grandfather, from his list of early Pocahontas County settlers.

I do not have my copy of the Historical Sketches by the late Rev. Wm. T. Price with me and cannot give you the page number. (note Page 393, Henry Harper settled here in 1812.)

Please check and make correction. I would like to see Henry Harper's name on the list. He deserved great credit for the part he did in helping to develop our county.

Shall appreciate your looking into it.

Sincerely,

Enid Harper

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Continued

the log schoolhouse.

We are unable to say when the first school was taught in Frost. A person now living tells us of one being taught there in an old store building before the Civil War. At some later period a one room schoolhouse was built near the location of the present two-roomed house. This was abandoned in 1912 and a modern schoolhouse was erected. In 1923 it was found to be too small to accommodate the pupils who should attend and an additional room was added.

When the Civil War began school was being taught by Miss Mattie Gum, the mother of the late George Gingar, of Huntersville, in a log school house which stood on the knoll near L. R. Hively's residence. The next building used for school in the Sunset neighborhood was on the hill not far from J. A. Cleeks. The last term taught here was by Enoch H. Moore in the year of 1896 and 1897. By the next winter a new building had been constructed at the present location. It was destroyed by fire a few years ago. The building in which school is taught now, was located on the site of the old one.

The Moore schoolhouse first stood on the east side of the creek at the foot of the Allegheny Mountain, a short distance above Coe Beverage's, as the road was there at that time. Later, after the road was changed the schoolhouse of this sub-district was built further up the valley above C. D. Newman's. When it was decided that this structure could not be used any longer the house in which school is taught at this time was built.

The first school taught at Cove Hill near Frost was approximately in 1894 by J. M. Barnett.

Douthards Creek schoolhouse was built in 1910. It has also been used for preaching services and Sunday School.

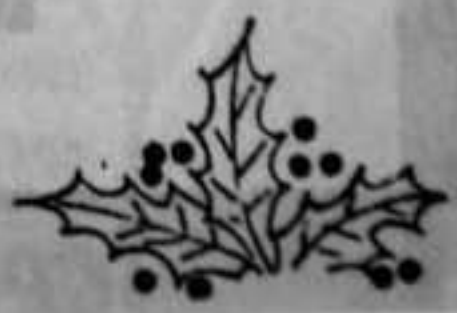
A one-room building was first at Minnehaha Springs. It was probably erected twenty-five years ago. The two-roomed building was put up in 1915. W. L. Herold was the contractor.

Homes—The pioneer homes have mostly been replaced by new modern buildings. A telephone line reaches nearly every one. Many of the houses have been provided with water system and light plants.

The only brick residence in the valley is the one where I. B. Moore dwells. Mr. Moore's father had this house built. The man who had the contract burned the brick and did all the work for the consideration of two sorrel horses. The home has been well preserved to this day.

Conclusion—In conclusion I wish to say that Knapp's Creek Community has furnished to the world ministers, college professors, a judge, doctors, lawyers, civil engineers, teachers and people of many professions. Seven teachers have come from Douthard's Creek School alone since 1910.

We are all very much indebted to Rev. Wm. T. Price for the history he recorded and left us. It is to be hoped that the people of each neighborhood will follow his example and keep a record of future events in a more accurate manner than they have in the days past.



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The Award Winning Newspaper

Letter

I hear that people are writing letters about Marlinton, and I thought you might be interested in what I think of it.

In 1916 I graduated from D & E Commercial Department, after which they got me a job at $25 per month. My father thought I was starving myself to death so with the help of Mr. Andrew Price and Mr. Beard from Hillsboro, I went to work at the Bank of Marlinton in February 1917 and worked there about three years. At that time Mr. McFerrin and Mr. Wade were bookkeepers. A couple of years later Mr. Wade went into the insurance business and Mr. Rexrode was hired in his place. I worked under Mr. Echols, Cashier, and Mr. Hunter, Vice President. Mr. Hunter kept an "Eagle Eye" on me and gave me much good advice when he saw me doing something I shouldn't be doing. One of the things he told me was that water running over stones for a half mile purifies it. I never forgot it.

I roomed and boarded with a family named Sheets who lived down on Second Avenue and later with the McFerrins who lived up near the tannery. One morning after a hard storm, I went to work in a row boat.

At that time the passenger train ran from Ronceverte to Durbin and everyone went to the station on Sunday evening to see who was traveling.

After the first World War ended, there was a man from Hinton who brought an airplane to Marlinton and gave people rides, fifteen minutes for $15. I wanted to ride in it but was scared. Catherine Clark kept begging her father to let her go up, and he finally told the man to strap her in and give her the works. He took her up, looped the loop and nose-dived and everything. When he landed she jumped out and ran to Mr. Clark and said "give him another $15. I thought it wasn't so bad, so I paid my $15 and took my one and only plane ride. We went up high enough that I could see Huntersville. I got down in the plane and promised if I got back safely to the ground I would stay there. I was up eight minutes.

Sincerely,
Mary B. Cromer

SUNDAY News American

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Annals Of America

In a letter to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776, John Adams hailed the Continental Congress' action declaring the colonies free and independent states as a most memorable date in American history:

"You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means, and that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not...The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

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... of the 50 states, plus American Servicemen and ... Today, practically every hamlet civilians, who happen to be in other ... the Fourth ...

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*[*PM*] **VAN ANTWERP,** William M., Jr., Capt., USMC
*[*P*] **VAUGHN,** Glen L., Lt., USN, Ret.
VERO, Andrew J., Maj., USAFR
*[*P*] **VICTOR,** James E., Lt.Col., USMC, Ret.
* **VIOLETT,** Quentell, R/Adm., USNR, Ret.

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[*P*] **WADLEIGH,** John R., R/Adm., USN, Ret.
*[*P*] **WALKER,** Sherburne B., Maj., USMCR
* **WALLACE,** William C., Lt.Col., USA, Ret.

JULY 4TH

Independence Day—the fourth of July—commemorates the birthday of our Nation. The day symbolizes the divine right of each man to have a voice in his own government. A Republic was born on this day! This special day is probably best summarized in a letter written by John Adams to his wife on 3 July 1776:

"Yesterday, the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America; and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, deciding among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, that those United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent States. The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with show, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Adams was talking about the discussion and the passing of the declaration of independence resolution introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on 7 June 1776, but deferred until 1 July, so that the committee of five could prepare a statement explaining the reasons for independence.

On 2 July, the Lee resolution was approved, and on 4 July, after much debate and some slight deletions from the explanatory statements as presented by the committee of five, the total statement of declaration, including Lee's resolution was adopted.

Thus 200 years ago this month, our Founding Fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, and as Benjamin Franklin was leaving the Constitutional Convention, he was met by a woman who said, "Sir, what have you given us?" And he replied: "A Republic, Madam, if you can keep it." There is a great deal of wisdom in that statement.

The very next year, in 1777, even though they were in the midst of war, Philadelphia residents observed 4 July as a day of celebration. Today, practically every hamlet in all of the 50 states, plus American Servicemen and civilians, who happen to be in other countries, observe the Fourth of July with prayers, speeches, parades, pageantry, and fireworks.

Fourth of July

It was a grand and glorious Bicentennial Fourth of July celebration in Marlinton Sunday. The PCHS Band played, under the direction of Charles Fauber, Dale Curry was master of ceremonies, Mayor Ed Rexrode greeted the large crowd, David Corcoran led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION, Liberty Proclaimed, was directed by Mrs. Ben Morgan, with a county-wide group of singers, ten young persons representing various occupations, with "hats off to the past and coats off for the future," Connie Campbell and Davy Corcoran as Martha and George Washington, and "Butch" Michael as narrator. The ringing of the church bells brought minutes of throughtful gratitude for our freedom and many blessings. Congressman Staggers brought challenges of the changes facing us in the third century of our nation—one thing that is certain is change—and the program closed with patriotic favorites sung by a Bicentennial singing group led by Mrs. Willard Eskridge. There was plenty of cake and watermelon for everyone. The large cake decorated with a scroll, flag and Liberty Bell was baked and decorated by Helen Kellison, Cameron Astin, Osa McLaughlin and Sally Nottingham.

Happy Birthday, America

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THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1976

Bicentennial

From the Fourth of July observances to the Bicentennial Hymn Sing, last week was a fitting celebration of our Country's 200th Birthday.

We will express here appreciation for everything done to help make this historical observance meaningful and a true County-wide endeavor.

Happy Third Century!

Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days have come and gone again. Next year's Pioneer Days will be July 8-10. Start making plans.

By almost everyone's evaluation, this year's activities were successful. Always a few things forgotten and a few things done wrong but everyone will try harder next time.

The crowds were good, the weather good, and everyone seemed to have a good time, which is important.

Saturday's Parade was unusually good. Real work had gone into the floats and entries. There were many fine horses. Steve Hunter was Parade Director again and this year he was assisted by Julia Price, coordinator, with, of course, many helpers. Good planning was evidenced. The surprise Uncle Sam was good. There was a planned historical sequence, with the group of Indians, Princess Pocahontas, Chief and Braves on horses, pioneers on foot, settlers in a pioneer wagon, chicken coop on the side, mountain musicians, and a clown from bygone days for frivolity. Clubs and individuals made excellent entries. It was all good.

Many good comments were heard about "Godspell," presented by Greenbrier Theatre. It was exceptionally good.

The Flea Market was successful.

Pocahontas Pioneer Days
By Bobby Dean

As we walk through days of festival
O'er the paths our forefathers trod
And we imitate their workings
Sometimes with approval the elders nod

Well, it pleases me immensely
To hear the old ones say, "Well Done"
That's the way we did in my day
From the dawn till setting sun"

And I welcome all the visitors
Who have come from far and near
Those who take part in the program
And those who just come to see and hear

As they travel through our county
With its lofty mountain peaks
And they gaze with awe and wonder
At the lovely hills and creeks

Now I am so proud of my heritage
That my ancestors left to me
It's been spread through out the country
Even clear across the sea

The courage of the mountain folks
Is told as far as history goes
And the same is still true today
Which proves—One reaps Just what he sows

And when God fulfills his promise
That He gave in John:14
And we move on up to His House
The pattern of which I've already seen

It will be almost like this place
With its rivers, hills and streams
And the gathering of the mountain folks
We'll all be there, it seems

There'll be someone to pick some bluegrass
And someone to sing a song
Maybe even have a square dance
What e'er they do, we'll go along

I hope this verse will pay tribute
To the folks I love so well
And the beauty of our County
Till the last tolling of the bell.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1976

Pioneer Days—July 9-11, '76

Bicentennial Week Activities In Pocahontas County

The Bicentennial Week is going to be very, very full of activities in Pocahontas County starting with the Durbin Jubilee on Saturday, July 3, and ending with the final events of Pioneer Days on Sunday, July 11. All types of activities are being scheduled in many different parts of the County. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend as many as possible.

This week we are printing a brief schedule of events and plan a detailed listing for next week's paper. If we have missed any events please let us know for next week.

Saturday, July 3
Afternoon: Durbin Jubilee Day at Durbin.
Evening: Rodeo at Fairgrounds.
Sunday, July 4
Afternoon: Bicentennial Birthday Celebration at Marlinton.
Evening: Rodeo
Monday, July 5
Evening: Rodeo
Tuesday, July 6
Afternoon and evening: Chautauqua at Hillsboro
Wednesday, July 7
Afternoon and evening, Chautauqua.
Thursday, July 8
Afternoon:Chautauqua.
Evening: Miss Pocahontas Pageant.
Friday, July 9
All Day: Pioneer Days
Evening: "Godspell"
Saturday, July 10
All Day: Pioneer Days
Afternoon: Parade
Sunday, July 11
All Day: Pioneer Days
Afternoon: Horse Show
Evening: Bicentennial Worship Service.

For information contact the following people:
Rodeo, Argile Arbogast, 799-4683.
Durbin Jubilee, Mrs. Alma Mick, 456-4030.
Bicentennial Birthday Celebration, Mrs. Jane Sharp 799-4973.
Chautauqua, David Corcoran or Susan Hefner 653-4430.
Pioneer Days, Doug Dunbrack 799-4993

DURBIN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Upper Pocahontas County came alive again with the special Bicentennial Celebration in Durbin on July 3 that included a parade and carnival activities in the Hiner Park. This has been the biggest event in the Bartow-Frank-Durbin area for years. The Bicentennial Committee has worked for several months to make this celebration a success and were well rewarded with a grand turnout. We were honored by the presence of Mrs. Julia Pitsenberger, member of the W. Va. House of Delegates, who entered her car in our parade. We are grateful for the Parade entries from Marlinton and other local and neighboring areas. Our local area clubs and organizations were given ample opportunity to make money for their organizations by operating a variety of booths and they thank all who donated their baked goods, gifts, money, time, and efforts.

Mrs. Janey Warner, of Bartow, is to be commended for the fine job she did organizing the booths and fun activities at Hiner's Park.

We all appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hiner, of Durbin for donating the use of their property to these clubs and organizations.

The Bicentennial Commission's president, Mrs. Louise Collins, and the Vice President, Mrs. Lottie Moore, wish to thank each and every person who helped to make our celebration a success.

Mrs. Alma Mick, Mayor of Durbin and secretary of the Bicentennial Commission, who was in charge of the parade, sincerely thanks Gray Wilfong and Karl Hille for helping organize and form the parade. The Town of Durbin and the Bicentennial Committee wish to thank Mrs. Barbara Hille for making the posters used to decorate their parade vehicles and for the one used on the carnival grounds.

We hope everyone enjoyed the celebration and if we missed thanking anyone, we take this opportunity to do so.

Durbin Bicentennial Commission

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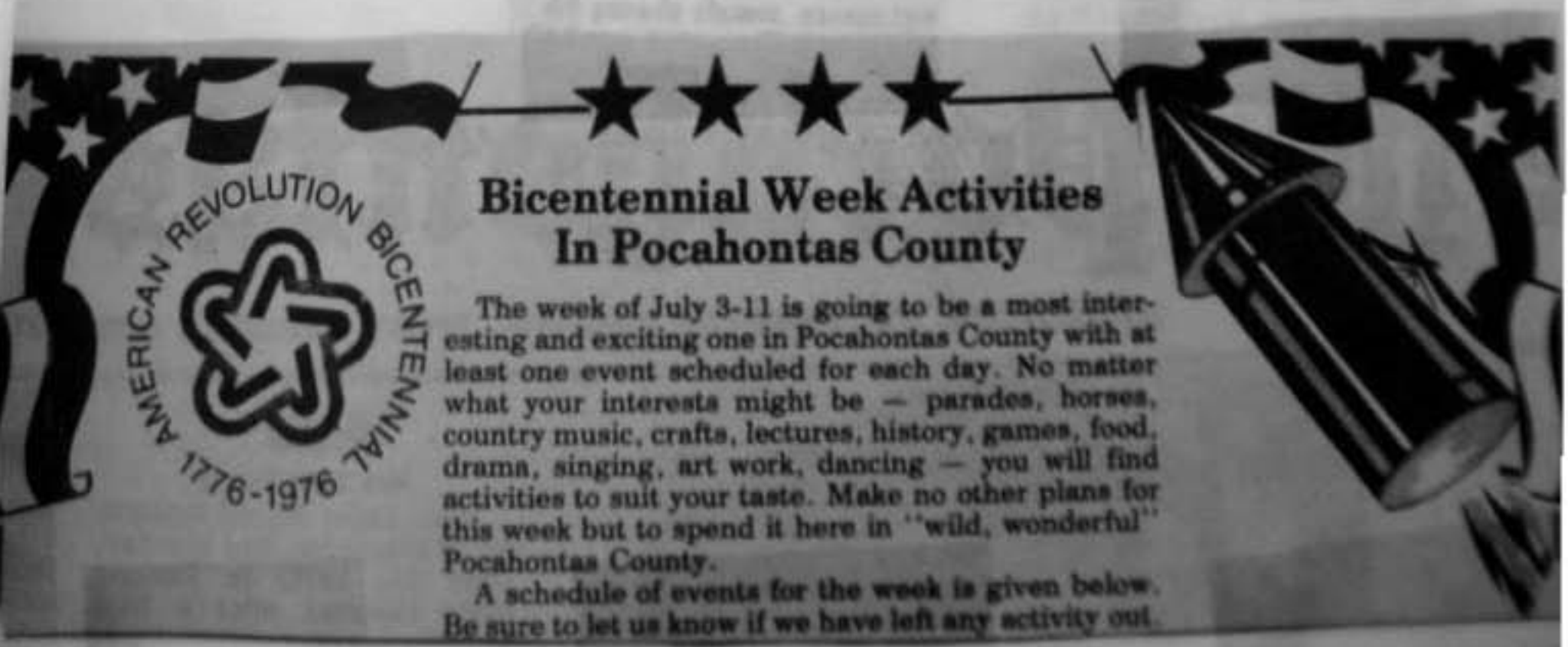
Pioneer Days—July 9-11, '76

Honorary Parade Marshals

Misses Mabel and Fleeta Lang will be Honorary Parade Marshals for the 1976 Pioneer Days Parade. These two young ladies are known to almost everyone after being in their business, Lang's Dress Shoppe, from 1936 to 1968, out two years, and then from 1970 to 1974 again before retiring for good. Mabel started work for Overholt's Store and stayed with them for 21 years; Fleeta worked for Schuchat's and Kline's Stores for 20 years, before they joined in a store of their own.

They were born in Kerens, Randolph County, but have spent most of their lives in Pocahontas. Their parents were David and Grace Lang.



Bicentennial Week Activities In Pocahontas County

The week of July 3-11 is going to be a most interesting and exciting one in Pocahontas County with at least one event scheduled for each day. No matter what your interests might be — parades, horses, country music, crafts, lectures, history, games, food, drama, singing, art work, dancing — you will find activities to suit your taste. Make no other plans for this week but to spend it here in "wild, wonderful" Pocahontas County.

A schedule of events for the week is given below. Be sure to let us know if we have left any activity out.

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Pioneer Days—July 9-11, '76

Pioneer Days Parade

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There will be classes as follows: Pioneer Horse and Rider; Horse or Oxen Drawn Conveyance; People Walking in Pioneer Dress; Western Style Horse and Rider; Floats of Pioneer or Bicentennial Theme; Bicycles and Riders of Bicentennial or Pioneer Theme; Commercial Entries; and Antique Cars of 1951 Model or earlier.

In addition this year, immediately following the parade, an Antique Car Show will be held at the Marlinton Elementary School field, with trophies for the first five places, and prize money for the top ten places in the show.

All parade classes, except the Antique Auto, will have trophies and prize money for the top three awards. No prize money will be given in the Commercial Class. For further information contact J. Steven Hunter, 799-4700

Pioneer Days Flea Market

If you have any collectibles, antiques, or odds and ends about that you want to be rid of, the Pioneer Day Flea Market is your opportunity to clean house and make some money in the process. It will be held on Saturday, July 10, at the old Marlinton Graded School playground, weather permiting, beginning at 9 a. m.

The charge for display space will be $2 plus the Pioneer Days Badge. No clothing is to be sold.

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Band Practice

The PCHS Band will hold practice on Monday, June 28, 7:30 p. m., in the High School band room for Parades July 3-Durbin; Pioneer Days.

Charlie Fauber, Director

Durbin Bicentennial

The Durbin Bicentennial Commission has received the $2,000 grant and applied it to the completion of the Durbin Mayor's office. This is a grant from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Final plans for a Parade and Festival at Durbin on Saturday, July 3, to commemorate the Bicentennial are being completed. Formation of the Parade will be at the Westvaco Wood yard at the west end of Durbin at 1 p. m. All floats and entries should be at this site by that time. The food booths at the carnival ground will open at 11:30 a. m. and the Parade will start at 2 p. m. The Town of Durbin is allowing free parking from noon on that day.

Pioneer Days
Program Changes

Since the official program for Pioneer Days was sent to the printers, several changes have been made to the schedule of events. Be sure to take note of the following changes and mark them in your copy.

The Pony Pulling Contest on Friday and the Horse-pulling Contest on Saturday have been moved from the Marlinton Athletic Field to the Fairgounds.

The Historical tour of Marlinton listed for Sunday afternoon will not be held.

On Page 11 of the program the dates for the Pocahontas County Mountain and Bluegrass Festival were left out of the advertisement. This event will be held on July 30, 31, and August 1, and is not part of Pioneer Days. The Pioneer Days Mountain Music Festival is on Saturday at 6 p. m. at the Athletic Field.

The Marlinton Senior Citizens Crafts will be at Richardson's Store instead of the log cabin at the Museum.

Correction
Miss Pocahontas Pageant

In last week's paper and the official Pioneers Days Program the sponsoring organizations for Sharon Kellison is incorrectly given. It should have been the Swago Extension Homemakers Club. The Miss Pocahontas Pageant Committee regrets this error.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

— Durbin Bicentennial Celebration
11:30 a.m. -- Food Booths Open
2:00 p.m. -- Parade
Following parade: games and food at Hiners Park in Durbin. Community singing.

— Flying "W" Rodeo and Wild West Show
Sponsored by the Pocahontas County Horseman's Association
6:00 p.m. -- Fairgrounds at Marlinton
Country music during intermission
Admission - $3 for adults and $1 for 12 and under.

SUNDAY, JULY 4
"Happy Birthday, USA"

— Marlinton Bicentennial Birthday Celebration
First National Bank Porch
1:30 p.m. -- PCHS Band will play
2:00 p.m. -- Church Bells for 3 minutes
Star Spangled Banner
Pledge of Allegiance
Patriotic Presentation
Speaker: Honorable Harley Staggers
Bicentennial Choir
Refreshments: Watermelon and birthday cake.

— God & Country Service
3:30 p.m. -- Grace Independent Baptist Church Marlinton

— Flying "W" Rodeo at Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5

— Flying "W" Rodeo at Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.

— Bluegrass Show with the Dominion Bluegrass Boys, sponsored by the Pioneer Days Committee
8:00 p.m. -- Marlinton Municipal Building
Admission: $2 for adults, $1 for children.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

— Chautauqua at the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace at Hillsboro, sponsored by the Hillsboro Bicentennial Committee and the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation
Greenbrier Valley Day
1:00 p.m. -- Invocation & discussion "What is Chautauqua?"
1-5 p.m. -- Exhibits and demonstrations:
Seneca District, Boy Scouts of America
12-5 p.m. -- Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
2:00 p.m. -- Mr. and Mrs. William P. McNeel, Educators and travelers, slide lecture and discussion: "Living and Working Down-Under: Australia."
4:00 p.m. -- Dr. Patrick W. Gainer, Folklore Authority, program: "West Virginia Folk Culture: Songs in the Home."
8:00-9:30 p.m. -- Concert: Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. -- Concession Stand Open.
Admission: Afternoon, $1 adults, 50c students
Evening, $1.50 per person

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

— Chautauqua at Hillsboro
Marlinton and Upper Pocahontas Day
1:00 p.m. -- Invocation: Rev. Richard L. Newkirk, Marlinton Presbyterian Church
1:05-1:15 p.m. -- Discussion "What is Chautauqua?" David H. Corcoran, Ex. Dir. PSBBF
1 - 5 p.m. -- Exhibits and demonstrations: Seneca District, Boy Scouts of America
12 - 5 p.m. -- Tours of the Birthplace Museum.
1:45 - 2:00 p.m. -- Mark Newkirk, Violinist
2 p.m. -- Mr. Boyd Payton, Noted Author and Reformer, Program and discussion: Boyd Payton's America: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
4:00 p.m. -- Mr. Woodrow Taylor, Lecturer and traveler, slide program and discussion: "The Holy Land: Religions of the World."
8:00 - 9:30 p.m. -- "Bicentennial '76" The Music of Broadway honors America's 200th Birthday. Greenbrier Valley Theater Group.
11 a.m. - 9 p.m. -- Concession Stand Open.
Admission: Afternoon, $1 adults, 50c students
Evening, $2.50 per person

— Country and Western Music Show
7:30 p.m. -- First National Bank porch in Marlinton. Free will donations.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

— Chautauqua at Hillsboro
Little Levels Day
1:00 p.m. -- Invocation and discussion: "What is Chautauqua?"
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. -- Exhibits and Demonstrations: People of Hillsboro.
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. -- Art Exhibits
Local Pocahontas County artists only.
12 - 5 p.m. -- Tours of Birthplace Museum.
1:45 - 2:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Sherman Beard, Organist
2:00 p.m. -- Panel Discussion: "The History of Hillsboro & the Little Levels."
Alfred McNeel, Chairman.
4:00 p.m. -- Dr. Thomas R. Ross, Historian and author. Program: "The Declaration of Independence and The American Revolution."
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. -- Concession Stand Open
Admission: $1 adults, 50c students

— MISS POCAHONTAS PAGEANT
8:00 p.m. -- Pocahontas County High School
Admission: $1 adults, 50c children

FRIDAY, JULY 9
Pioneer Days

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pearl Buck Museum open
Regular admission will be charged.
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. -- Old Log Church on Stony Creek open
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. -- Pocahontas County Historical Museum open —Student Art Exhibit
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. -- French Creek Game Farm Exhibit at First National Bank lot
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. -- Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days activities
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. -- Surrey rides, 50c
Noon - 7 p.m. -- Percussion Rifle Shooting Contest Across Stillwell bridge
1 p.m. - 7 p.m. -- Craft exhibits and demonstrations at Marlinton School Gym
1:00 p.m. -- Pony Pulling Contest at Fair Grounds
Admission — $1
1:30 p.m. -- Old Time Spelling Bee at Museum
2 p.m. -- Pocahontas County & Bicentennial History Contest at Museum
3:00 p.m. -- GODSPELL
Marlinton Methodist Church
Admission: $2 per person
7 p.m. -- Frog Hop and Turtle races at Marlinton Athletic Field
7:30 p.m. -- Tobacco Spitting Contest
8:30 p.m. -- GODSPELL
Marlinton Methodist Church
Admission: $3 per person

Note: Unless otherwise noted, admission to Pioneer Days events is by the Pioneer Days Badge.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

— Pioneer Days

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Art Exhibit at Hillsboro.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pearl Buck Museum open
Regular admission will be charged.

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. -- Pocahontas County Historical Museum open —Student Art Exhibit

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. -- Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days activities

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Surrey Rides, 50c

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- French Creek Game Farm Exhibit at First National Bank lot

9:00 a.m. -- Horsepulling Contest at Marlinton Athletic Field
Admission: $1

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. -- Percussion Rifle Shooting Contest, across Stillwell bridge

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Craft exhibits and demonstrations at Marlinton School Gym

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. -- Old Log Church on Stony Creek open.

2:00 p.m. -- PIONEER DAYS PARADE

3:30 p.m. -- Antique Car Show at Marlinton Athletic Field

4:00 p.m. -- Horseshoe Pitching Contest at Marlinton Presbyterian Church

6 p.m. -- MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL
Marlinton Athletic Field

9:00-11:30 p.m. -- Square Dance at Southern States Store

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. -- Social Dance at Marlinton School Gym
Admission: $10 per couple in advance
$12 at the door

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SUNDAY, JULY 11

Morning -- Church of your choice
10:00 a.m. -- Old Log Church on Stony Creek open
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days activities.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Surrey rides, 50c
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pearl Buck Museum open
Regular admission will be charged.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pocahontas County Historical Museum open —Student Art Exhibit
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- French Creek Game Farm exhibit at First National Bank lot
1:30 p.m. -- PIONEER DAYS HORSE SHOW
Fairgrounds
Admission: $1 adults, 50c under 12
2 p.m. -- Preaching and Song Service at Old Log Church on Stony Creek
2 p.m. -- Singing Festival at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church on Droop
2 p.m. -- Mountain Ballad singing at Museum
7:30 p.m. BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE and HYMN SING
Marlinton Methodist Church

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Miss Pocahontas

Marla Chestnut, of Dunmore, was crowned Miss Pocahontas 1976 by Susan Viers, Miss Pocahontas 1975, at Thursday's red, white and blue Pageant. Connie Campbell, Little Miss Pocahontas, gave out the trophies.

Miss Chestnut won the talent competition with a recitation and a song, the swimsuit competition, and was named the overall winner by the judges. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murl Chestnut, of Dunmore, and she was sponsored by the Marlinton Business and Professional Women's Club.

Cheryl Dunbrack was elected Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

Nathalie Dolan, of Arbovale, shown on the left in the above picture, was first runner-up, and Miss Dunbrack, on the right, was second runner up. Miss Dolan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dolan, of Arbovale; she was sponsored by the Arbovale Extension Homemakers Club. Miss Dunbrack is the daughter of Mrs. Phyllis Jackson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunbrack, Sr., of Marlinton, and she was sponsored by the Edray Extension Homemakers Club.

The Pageant opened with a parade of flags and a dance and march presentation with the girls in white wearing Uncle Sam hats. Eugene Simmons was master of ceremonies. Linda Barker Hendrickson, a former Miss Pocahontas, entertained at the piano and with a vocal solo, accompanied by Houston Simmons on the drums. B. J. Estilow and Doris Hungerbuhler also provided musical entertainment.

Helen Kellison was chairman of the Pageant Committee and she was assisted by Ruth Taylor, Nora Workman, Donna Dunbrack, Dreama Burns, Frances Buzzard, Eugene Simmons, Doug Dunbrack.

Results of '76
Horseshoe Pitching Contest

Singles

Champion—Jerry Wykle, Frankford.

Runner-up—Benny Holcomb, Craigsville (Holcomb was the Champion last year)

There were 18 entries in the singles matches.

Doubles

Champions—Jerry Wykle and Larry Wykle, Frankford.

Runner-up—Kyle Loudermilk and Connie Loudermilk (man and wife) Frankford.

There were 10 teams entered in the doubles.

Winners in the Tobacco Spitting Contest, new this year in Pioneer Days, were (right to left) Ricky Shearer, who spat a distance of 18 feet for first place, Kenneth Shearer second and Paul McNeill, third.

The American Legion Post in Marlinton sponsored and supervised the Frog Hop and Turtle Race, providing the prize money. Attorney George Daugherty, of Charleston, judged the races.

Owners of the winning turtles in the Turtle Race were Mike Layman, first; Jeff Hill, Frankford, second; Reta Jackson, third; Pat Jessee, fourth.

Other entrants were:

Winners in the Frog Hop were owned by Chris Hall, Charleston, first; Mike Layman, second; Tom Daugherty, Charleston, third; Brian Layman, fourth.

Other entrants were:

Frog

Brenda Ricottilli, 11, Marlinton; Allison Sturm, 9, Houston, Texas; Danny Davis, 6 Marlinton; Ann Hall, 8, Charleston; Carl Kopf, 12 1/2, Satellite Beach, Florida; Scott Emery, 10, Rockville, Maryland; Jim Layman, 10, Marlinton; Joe Layman, 4, Marlinton; Denver Hamons, 6, Marlinton; Steve VanReenan, 12, Marlinton; Earl Jordan, 13, Marlinton; Jeff Davis, 9, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Turtles

Kathleen Shaw, 9, Marlinton; Rick Friel, 8, Marlinton; Dawn Workman, 4, Hillsboro; Holly Hyatt, 8, Easton, Maryland; Earl Jordan, 13, Marlinton; Caroline Sharp, 11, Marlinton; Shawn McCarty, 5, Gainesville, Virginia; William Hamons, 10, Marlinton; Dorothy Jessee, 7, Marlinton; Russell Jessee, 12, Marlinton; Chris Jessee, 10, Marlinton; Cal Sharp, 7 1/2, Marlinton; Denver Hamons, 6, Marlinton; Travis Friel, 7, Huntersville.

The Gym was crowded with fine handwork and many craftsmen.

There were so many activities it was hard to get to everything—music contest, square dance, horse show, horse pulling, etc.

The final event——the Hymn Sing on Sunday night—was a fitting climax. Everyone was inspired by the singing by the County-wide choir directed by Mrs. Willard Eskridge and the congregational singing, with Rev. Harold Elmore who brought a short message. "America" never sounded so good.

Quilt Show

First—Mrs. Thelma Thompson

Second—Mrs. Ernest White

Third—Mrs. Gladys Wooddell

Afghan

First and Second—Mrs. Wilma Tennant

Third—Mrs. Ruth Beale

Honorable Mention—Debra McCarty

Special Crafts

Antique Luggage Rack—Mrs. Louise Barlow

Flower Show

Potted Plants

First—Geraldine Shinaberry, Begonia

Second—Helen Hefner, Jade Tree

Third—Betty Williams, African Violet

Fresh Flowers

First—Geraldine Shinaberry, Roses

Second—Geraldine Shinaberry, Hydrangea

Artificial or Dried

First—Louise Barnisky

Second—Ruth Ruckman

Third—Ruth Ruckman

Well Done

Marlinton merchants cooperated well with the Pioneer Days celebration. One person who checked around town came up with this list:

Best Window Decorated and Clerks Dressed

Shraders
Dollar Store
A-Jad's
Mountaineer Food
Treasure Chest
Williams Supply
H-P Store

Window Decorated

People's Store
C. J. Richardson
Curry's Super Market
Harper's Men's Store
Seneca Floral
Wooddell's Jewelry

Clerks

Benwood

Student Art Contest

First—Todd Wilfong, Durbin, Grade 3.

Second—Kathleen Shaw, Marlinton, Grade 3.

Third—Sandra Burner, Durbin Grade 2.

First—Melinda Wilson, Marlinton, Grade 5.

Second—Helen Miller, Marlinton, Grade 5.

Third—Ann Marie del Giudice, Green Bank, Grade 4.

First Mickie Mullenax, Arbovale.

Second—Kelley Williams, Durbin, Grade 8.

Third—Billy Lambert, Durbin, Grade 7.

Pioneer Parade

Class I
Pioneer Horse and Rider
1st James McComb, Hillsboro.
2nd—Argile Arbogast
3rd Carl Sharp, Marlinton

Class II
Horse or Animal Drawn Conveyances
1st Don Hill
2nd Country Picnic
3rd Derrill Hoke Special

Class III
People Walking Pioneer Costume
1st Teacher and Students—Mary Alice Bowers and Students.
2nd Mrs. Ernest White—Sunshine
3rd Drummer—Spirit of '76—Johnnie Hill.

Class IV
Western Style and Costume
1st Spike
2nd Kathy Harris—Tee Jay Robbie.
3rd Polly Hull—Misty

Class V
Floats on Pioneer Bicentennial Theme
1st Poage Lane Redskins 4-H Club
2nd Dunmore Mountaineers
3rd VFW and Ladies Auxiliary

Class VI

Class VII
Bicycles
1st Bill Hyatt
2nd Caroline Sharp
3rd Cal Sharp
4th Frank Wyatt

Class VIII
Commercial Entries
1st Telephone Company
2nd Eddies Wrecker
3rd Youth Conservation Corps.

Pony Pull 48'' and Under
1. Mike McCormick, Sinks Grove.
2. Bill McCormick, Ronceverte.
3. William Middleton, Dryden, Virginia
4. John McClung, Ronceverte.

Pony Pull 48'' and Over
1. Danny Olinger, Dryden, Virginia
2. Pat Ayers, Alderson
3. David Deem, Ronceverte
4 Lewis McCormick, Sinks Grove

Horse Pull
1. Ernest Ely, Goochland, Virginia
2. Wayne Moreland, Lothian, Maryland
3. Kirk and Barnes, Marion, Virginia
4. Lawrence Colton, Goochland, Virginia
5. Richard Redifer, Penn Laird, Virginia
6. John Salmon, Goochland Virginia.

Rifle Shooting
1. Phillip Dean, Marlinton
2.
3. Dave Shaw, Marlinton

Pioneer Days
Antique Cars

First Place—Cecil Drennen, Hines—1923 Model T.

Second—Lewis Flint, Lewisburg—1925 Model T.

Third—Robert Wharton, Summersville—1929 Model A Roadster, yellow.

Fourth—Bill Reynolds, Lewisburg—1931 Maroon Model A Coupe.

Fifth—Howard Johnson, Ronceverte—1929 Model A sedan.

Pioneer Days
MUSIC
Old Time Fiddle

1. Bert Dodrill, Richwood
2. Lloyd Stevens, Charleston

3rd Bruce Mulsky, Lexington, Virginia

Old Time Banjo

1. O'dell McGuire, Lexington, Virginia
2. Mike Burns, Lexington, Virginia
3. Ray Alden, New York City, New York

Bluegrass Band

1. W. Va. Gentlemen, Hurricane
2. J. H. Loan and The Blueridge Mt. Grass, Staunton, Virginia
3. Woody Simmons and The U-Piney Mt. Boys, Mill Creek

Bluegrass Banjo

1. Jerry Vance, Hurricane
2. Lawrence Lawhorne, Staunton, Virginia
3. Harry McCloud, Marlinton

Old Time Band

1. Collier's Town Night Crawlers, Colliers Town, Virginia
2. Virginia Creepers String Band, Lexington, Virginia
3. Woody Simmons and the U-Piney Mt. Boys, Mill Creek.

Singing

1. John Greene, Hurricane
2. Mary and Phyllis Argenbright, Staunton, Virginia
3. Virgil Henshaw, Lewisburg.

Miscellaneous

1. James Vance (guitar) Hurricane
2. Dennis Argenbright (guitar) Staunton, Virginia
3. Alan Argenbright (mandolin) Staunton, Virginia
4. Allen Firth (bass) Lexington, Virginia
5. Scott Nelson and Cally Blake (mouthharp) Lexington, Virginia.

Museum

The Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum had over 800 visitors over Pioneer Days which led to the Museum's being very crowded at times. While the vast majority came from Pocahontas County, very often other counties of West Virginia were represented. We also had visitors from far afield as Texas, Hawaii, California, Florida Arkansas and Michigan and even some people visiting the United States from overseas. Since we were unable to admit children under twelve unaccompanied by an adult, we should like to encourage parents of these young people to bring them in to see our collection during the summer vacation. Admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children 12—18, free to under twelves. We are open every day of the week. The Museum Gift Shop did brisk business over the holidays and we still have a substantial collection of Blenko and Pilgrim glassware, books, stationery, stuffed animals, prints, placemats and other souvenirs. Memberships in the Historical Society may be taken out and renewed at the Museum.

Pioneer Days did end on a sour note for the Society as one item was removed from a picture frame on the second floor on Sunday—fortunately, it was not of major historical importance but the Society would like to have it back. If whoever took it would be good enough to return it—no questions will be asked.

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Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on June 8.

The most important item of business the Board transacted at this meeting was to take steps to determine in detail exactly what needs to be done to the various school buildings in the County to bring them up to the standard required by state fire and health regulations. For this purpose the Board retained Architect K. F. Weimer on an hourly rate of approximately $30 for no more than two days to perform the following duties:

(1) meet with a representative of the State Fire Marshal to determine all fire regulation deficiencies.

(2) make an on-site inspection of the structural capacity of all buildings.

(3) meet with a representative of the Health Department to determine all health regulation deficiencies.

(4) make recommendations to the Board as to the expenditure of funds to bring the County's school buildings up to fire and health regulation requirements.

The Board agreed to pay Mr. Weimer the following amount for past services rendered since August 1973:

Preparation of Comprehensive Plan—$11,768.00

Travel expenses—$251.78.

Reproduction cost and postage—$1,110.24.

Telephone expense—$29.94.

Total $13,159.96.

Kerth Friel, Director of Maintenance, met with the Board concerning roof work to be done on several schools. He reported that the low bids for materials were as follows: Green Bank Elementary, $885.11; Hillsboro, $1902.57; and the Early Childhood Education classroom at Marlinton, $281.40; total, 3069.08. This work is to be done by the County maintenance staff.

The Board approved the April Financial Report, the May payroll and Treasurer's Report, Investment Report for June 8, a budget transfer, and the payment of various bills.

The Board rescinded its previous action in adopting the Macmillan Math Series for use in grades 1 through 8. This was done as the McMillan texts are not on the state approved list for use in grades 7 and 8. The Board adopted the McMillan books for grades 1 through 6 and the Scott, Foresman and Company Math Series for grades 7 and 8, beginning with the 1976-77 school year.

Permission was granted for James Shearer to attend a Free Service School concerning school bus body maintenance and repair sponsored by the Blue Bird Body Company on June 22.

Approval was given to the request of the Green Bank High School Class of 1926 to erect a small marker at the Green Bank school to commemorate their 50th Anniversary and to mark the site of the old high school.

Approval was given for a summer English class at PCHS for juniors and seniors to be taught by Mrs. Virginia Shafer. Her salary will be paid by the students tuition.

The Board approved paying 1976-77 membership dues to the W. Va. School Board Association in the amount of $979.17.

Approval was given for the PCHS majorettes to attend the National Majorette Clinic at W. Va. Wesleyan College, July 16—19.

Approval was given for the Marlinton Presbyterian Church to use the Marlinton School cafeteria on July 9 and 10.

The employment of Robert Seaman was extended to 12 months to accommodate his duties as assistant principal, athletic director, assistant football coach, and head track coach at the High School.

The Board accepted the bid of the General Tire Company in Elkins to supply tires and tubes for the 1976-77 school year.

Approval was given for the payment of $250 to the Southern Regional Research and Training Institute for renewal agreement on the Pocahontas County Policy Manual.

Mrs. Alice Gibson appeared before the Board on behalf of the County Board of Health requesting that the Health Board be allowed to transfer approximately $650 in unexpended funds in the Health Nurse's travel expenses account to the payment of retirement and social security for the County Health Nurse. This travel money is an item in that portion of the Board of Health's budget that is funded by the Board of Education. The Board of Education approved this request.

The next regular Board meeting will be June 22.

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JANE PRICE SHARP, EDITOR

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting June 22.

In the absence of the President, Moffett McNeel, Ernest Shaw was elected president pro-tempore.

The Board approved the requests of the Pioneer Days Committee to use the old Marlinton Graded School lot for a Flea Market and the hallway of the Marlinton Elementary School for a Quilt Display.

The request of Reginald Atkins and James Morgan to use a classroom at the High School this summer for instruction leading to a Novice Class Amateur Radio License was approved.

The Board approved the sale of a 1960 Dodge school bus to the Braxton County Board of Education for $300.

The following resignations were accepted:

George Bartell as sixth grade teacher at Marlinton.

Brenda K. Cales as Title I Math teacher at Hillsboro.

Rebecca Ann Fleming as classroom and science teacher at Hillsboro.

Debora Johnson as second grade teacher at Marlinton.

The Board approved the transfer request of Kenneth Nottingham from the High School to Hillsboro to be the Title I Math teacher.

The transfer of Charles Rexrode from Green Bank to the Guidance Counseler position at PCHS was approved.

The Board approved the employment of Curtis Vick as seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher at Hillsboro and Lella Ann Dilley as fourth grade teacher at Durbin.

The Board approved the extension of the employment term of Janice Carter, Secretary at Durbin, from ten to eleven months with additional salary to be paid from Durbin school lunch funds.

The Board approved the request of Elizabeth Helmick to take the Marlinton majorettes to the State Majorette Camp at W. Va. Wesleyan College, July 16—19.

The Board approved certain supplemental appriations to the school budget for the 75-76 fiscal year as submitted by the Treasurer, Betty Lambert, to be sent to the State Board of School Finance for approval.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, July 13, at 7:30 p. m.

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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on July 13.

This was an important meeting as the main order of business concerned the fire safety deficiences of the County's Schools as indicated by the Fire Marshal's office.

Meeting with the Board were Mr. Wayne Lewis, from the Fire Marshal's office, Dr. Doug Machesney from the State Department of Education, and Mr. Haskel Brown, representing the Board's Architect, K. F. Weimer Associates.

Mr. Brown presented to the Board a report he had prepared on the work required to bring the County schools into compliance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal. This report was prepared following an inspection he and Mr. Lewis made of the schools last month. A summary of this report is given elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Lewis both spoke to the board concerning the fire hazards in the schools. Mr. Lewis made it very clear that the County must set up a compliance plan and that it must be followed. The Fire Marshal will not be unreasonable in the amount of time allowed to complete the work, but sooner or later, buildings that do not comply will be recommended to the State Superintendent of Schools for closure. Mr. Lewis indicated that all work need not be done at once, but the various items can be placed in an order of priority. Unfortunately, as Mr. Brown pointed out, the items with top priority are the most expensive to complete. The work to be completed first is to provide proper exiting which includes the building of stair towers at all schools and to achieve one hour fire separation ability between the floors in the buildings. Then come proper fire alarm systems and the upgrading of the electrical wiring in all buildings. Following on the priority list come emergency lighting, proper fire doors, hazard separation, emergency windows, upgrading of interior finishes, and the other items on the report. Mr. Brown said that in his opinion the completion of the highest priority items alone will cost almost $1,000,000.

Dr. Machesney reviewed the Board on the need to have any plan that makes use of the $1.2 million available to Pocahontas County from the Better School Amendment approved by the State Board of Education. He gave his opinion that the State Board would not approve a modified comprehensive plan for the County unless some new construction was involved. It was also his opinion that there would not be any additional state money for school building construction for a good many years and that a change in the method of supporting schools on the county level by the use of the property tax will not occur in the near future.

David Smith, Vocational Director at the High School, appeared before the Board concerning the new section to the Vocational Building that is now under construction. A decision was needed to be made as to what material to use in a new hallway leading to the new portion. After considering various alternatives, the Board selected terrazzo to match the existing hallways.

The Board employed the following teachers for the 1976-77 school year: Miss Lillie LaVonne Witt as science and self-contained classroom teacher at Hillsboro.

Miss Marilyn Armstrong as second grade teacher at Marlinton.

Mrs. Diane Smith as Early Childhood Education teacher at Marlinton.

Peter Tennant as Fifth Grade teacher at Marlinton.

Miss Kathern Hall as mathematics teacher at Green Bank.

Ben Campbell as social studies teacher at Green Bank.

Mrs. Alice Vance as Sixth Grade teacher at Marlinton.

Miss Jane Cogar as Early Childhood Education teacher at Marlinton. This is a new position and will allow kindergarten students to go full time (4 days) at Marlinton this coming school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Carole Young as Fourth Grade teacher at Green Bank.

The Board approved the transfers of Mrs. Catherine Bartels from Early Childhood Education teacher at Marlinton to the Fourth Grade position at Green Bank and Mrs. Danieth Patton from Green Bank to fill the math vacancy at the High School.

Superintendent Lannan reported to the Board that all teaching positions are presently filled for the 76-77 school year.

The Board approved the employment of James Ryder and James Simmons, Jr., as custodians at the High School.

The Board approved a policy to prevent any discrimination against students or employees in the Pocahontas County Schools on the basis of sex as required by Title IX of the Federal Education Act.

The request of Ancil Schmidt to use the Marlinton cafeteria for a 4-H Fair on August 16-18 was approved.

The Board gave permission for Lee McMann and two students to attend FFA Leadership Conference at Jackson's Mill, July 15-18, and for Dolan Irvine and two students to attend the State Land Judging Contest on July 16 at Jackson's Mill.

Approval was given for an adult summer driver education class at the high school.

The Board authorized Moffett McNeel to act as "applicant" on behalf of the Board in the requesting of surplus lands from the Observatory adjacent to the Green Bank School.

June Riley was selected to represent the Board on the Regional Education Service Agency Board of Directors.

The Board approved the County Special Education Plan for Fiscal Year 78.

The next Board meeting will be July 27.

School History

Lt. Glen L. Vaughn, U. S. Navy Retired, of Annapolis, Maryland, has contributed much to the recording of Pocahontas history. He has sent two typed records and a loose leaf binder full of records and recollections and now is working on a history of the schools, one room and otherwise. He has had responses from several teachers and former students and is now appealing publicly for teachers and students to write about their experiences in teaching and early education. You don't have to know the entire history—write what you know.

July 18, 1976

Dear Glen & Jenny – Bro & Grace and
Ann & Alan:

I wanted to write to Glen to tell
him how happy we all are that
he came thru this operation and
is on the road to recovery, I
also wanted to tell each of you
about our trip home to Pocahontas.
So please excuse the Carbon Copies.

We drove to Marbleton on Wed
July 7, arrived in time for supper
of course! As usual Alice had a
big spread for all comers. Then
Margaret & I went to Valley Head,
spent the day & brought Ethel &
Bruce back to Marbleton.

"Pioneer Days" have well organized
and we enjoy most of it, including
the Miss Pocahontas pageant at the
High School on Thur night, and the
Ham & Beans (Country ham – that is!) at
the Methodist Church Fri – Mike Hallein
came up from Lewisburg and joined us
at the H & B Supper. Mike is a fine
young man & enjoys being with
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now. It was a nice time & a
of your folks were talked ab
& thought of. Sunday morning we
went to Methodist Church & in a
noon to the Old Log Church.
also visited the Draft Church & C
magnet & I gave an American
to the Indian draft Church (Mrs
McKenney) looks after it. Both
& Cemetery are well cared for.
first part of the week we went
Edray Cemetery. Saw graves of
of our ancestors including Georg
father, our Grandmother Waugh & h
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for George - talked about work
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Tom Yeager, 1st time in almost
Hope this finds you all well
We are thankful for the Lord
of us all. Margaret joins me
in love + best wishes to each of

Yours

Glen: We do hope that you are improv
and that you will soon be your old self again
+ family will be here about July 28 + Carol + Ken
about 17 Aug. Many people that I see
about you + wish you well

LT GLEN L. VAUGHAN
400 HELVIN AVENUE
ANNAPOLIS, MD.
21401

July 25. 1976

Mrs. Jane Price Sharp:—

Dear Jane:

Enclosed check is for my next years subscription to the Times. Many thanks for the artick about the old schools of the county and what I am trying to do — as I wrote in my last letter will need all the help I can get.

Received a letter from Mr. Moffett — Mr. Reel. Supt. of Board of Education and he wrote that had forwarded my letter to Mr. Moore of Buckeye former Supt of the Board for action and noted hat the files of the Board were at his disposal nd could be used anytime.

To do any research this way would require ome some time and much typing as well s photostating to obtain enough copies to distribute in several safe places in the county nd be availabe to the public as well.

However I think it could be done if the Museum: Historical Society: Womens Club and the Retired Teachers Association would work together as a joint project.

Had a letter from Meade Waugh about his recent visit during Pioneer Days and one paragraph stuck in my mind. Am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of Page 2.

This concerns the journal of the late Rev. George P. Moore of Edray. Much of the material there is todays history as you can see - I would put it just behind the Pocahontas History of your Grandfather. Anything that dates back to 1871 to his Will that was printed in the Times at his death when he left a few hundred dollars to "Miss Lizzie Waugh of the Times Office." - am sure he meant for the people to read. Am sure Helen Gay would let this journal be copied, after all Rev. George P. Moore was one of Pocahontas's most respected ministers - also Postmaster -

storekeeper – coffin maker and tombstone engraver. I remember him very well as his store with Post office was just up the road from Mrs. Barlow's store.

"Please note page two of Meade letter." Anne I would come home and help with all this work myself but less than a month ago I had a malignant tumor removed along with 40 inches of my intestines. So am confined to home for about eight weeks. However when the weather is cooler Anna and Dan are taking Jenny and myself on a trip back to Pocahontas.

I have to stop at V.M.I. and pick up some pictures and historical data for the new Nimitz Library at the Naval Academy. Am sending copies of this letter to Mrs. Meade. Alice W. Pease Mc Neill in Lewisburg in hopes we can work something out.

I have started Vol. III. Part. 2 also Vol. IV. which is history. Guess when everything is written all would be taken apart and rearranged. Sincerely Glen.

In going over my letter would like
se the Marlinton Chapter of the American
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The above along with the old
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tal destruction.

G.L.V.

Spies to. Anna. Louise. Alice & Meade. Waugh.

July 18,1976

Mr. Moffett McNeel
President Board Of Education
Pocahontas County,
Marlinton, W.Va. 24954.

Dear Mr. McNeel:-

For several months I have been writing notes on Pocahontas County Bicentennial year and now that the Fourth of July has passed and the Pioneer Days events are history am turning my enterests to the history of the old one room (or more) school houses that were in the county during my boyhood.

Have had responses from several teachers and former students of these schools and am striving to collect all the data obtainable. Dr. Louise McNiell Pease wrote ten pages (Typed) of her early education and experiences in teaching - all in Pocahontas County. Will soon receive several more - Slaty Fork of 1914 - Linwood 1927 - Spruce 1926, these as well as some of the men who helped guide and build the CCC camps.

My request to you is there on file anyplace within the records of the Board of Education a record of these schools, say back to 1890 to 1930. If so are they available? Would like the name of the school, its history, its teachers and if possible names of the students. Those names are news today but will be history tomorrow.

Am trying to produce four typed books on the year 1976 of Pocahontas and the third will be about education in our county. I have retained and had copies made of all the School Board Meetings this year as well as the P.C.H.S. graduation, with names of 1976.

Mrs. Jane Price Sharp has the first two books and am sure she will verify anything I write about - she is giving her copies to the Museum after she has completed her use of same.

Please let me know at your earliest so I may make plans for the fourth Volume. This will be men from Pocahontas who served in both World Wars - if possible. I remain

Sincerely

Jane could you help with a small notice in the paper about former teachers orstudents?

Glen L. Vaughan

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July 22, 1976

Lt. Glen L. Vaughan
400 Melvin Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Lt. Vaughan:

I have taken the liberty of turning your letter over to Mr. Charles Moore. Mr. Moore, presently of Buckeye, West Virginia, is a former superintendent of Pocahontas County Schools and a lifelong resident of this county. He is now retired.

I have advised Mr. Moore that our files are at his disposal in pursuit of any information he might wish to procure.

Sincerely,

James D. Lannan
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James D. Lannan, Superintendent
Pocahontas County Schools

JDL:ag

cc: Mr. Charles Moore

Note; Received no answer. G.V.

In this Volume I have tried to include all the County Board of Education meetings, all the county school news, graduation of Pocahontas County High School of 1976, and Honor students, Golden Horseshoe winners, and finally as many of the teachers and their early experiences in the one to four room early schools as are obtainable.

Here I wish to commend Dr. Louise McNiell Pease of Lewisburg for her excellent memory and written description of her early school days. Such a vivid article from her first day in school, through the grades and Edray District High School and on through her first teaching assignments - her classmates, name by name for Louise remembers all of them and many events and sports they competed in.

This one paper alone is worth all the trouble, time and correspondence that has gone into this section. In fact the old one room schools of Pocahontas will long be remembered through this paper.

Other teachers have assured me they would send their experiences in teaching. Any would be a welcome addition to what has already been collected.

Sun. July 25-

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LENA Corrected this -

Slaty Fork School as remembered
by Lena Hannah Baxter.

Lena attended school at Slaty Fork from the first to ~~eighth~~ SEVENTH grade. Her sister Eva Hannah taught school there while she was a student. Lena's teachers during those years (1908-1915) ?. were

Maude Smith

Kyle Woods

Grace Stewart

Harry Hannah

Stella ~~Hannah~~ BAXTER. "Married Edd Hanahan", ~~her aunt.~~ ~~and others.~~

Some of Lena's grade school class mates were.

Bessie Hannah

Marion Hannah

Willie Gibson

Florance Gibson

Allie Gibson

Phillip Gibson

Luther Gibson

Edna Gibson

Lizzie Gibson

Mary Gibson

Dock Gibson

Harland Gibson

Forest Gibson

Ona Gibson

Lonnie Gibson

Lee Gibson

Mamie Sheldon

From Slaty Fork Lena was in the one room ~~High~~ 8th. School for one year in Marlinton. Her teacher the first year was Mr. William Buckley. Some of Lenas classmates in Marlinton were:

Herbert Vaughan

Arnold Klein

Dora Moppin

Nell Moppin

Leo Price

Reid Moore

Floyd Baxter (Her future husband)

Wilbur Dean

Hunter Dean

Frank McLaughlin

Annie Smith

Vernon East.

and several not remembered.

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Note: I remember Arnold Klein as his brother Stanley and I werein seventh grade together - after eighth grade Stanley went to Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia for his High School studies. His sister Ruth was in the third or fourth grade. Another student in the seventh grade was Kenneth Harris whose family had moved to Marlinton from Watoga so their children could attend better schools during the last two years Mr. Harris was with the saw mill at Watoga. /glv

Notes on Pocahontas County--1914-1938
(Written for The Lt. Glen Vaughan Historical Collection)

I was born and brought up on the old family farm near Buckeye--in our faded white cottage under Bridger's Gap. The old house--which we lived in until 1932--had been built by my grandfather, Captain James Monroe McNeill (C.S.A.) just after his return from Yankee prison at Fort Delaware. It was a 6½ room Dutch cottage and had two great stone chimneys at each end. One of these chimneys still had the old fireplace, which was a center in my childhood and where we still sometimes cooked corn pone and boiled beef and "fodder" beans.

My mother and father, ("D." McNeill) my Granny Fanny (Perkins) McNeill, and my older brother and sister, Ward and Elizabeth, composed our family group until 1918 when my brother Jim was born. Also, in my very early childhood, an important member of our household was "Aunt" Malindy Griffin--not a blood relative, but the kindly old woman who had no other home and had come to us to rock the children, tell stories, and sing her "quavery" songs.

We were busy on the farm, and I early learned to ride the horse, to haul hay, plow and hoe corn, feed the animals, hunt the cows, milk, and carry in the wood and water. We churned, too, and made cheese, hominy, soft soap, kraut, apple butter, dried apples and "fodder" beans. In the spring we usually "opened" the sugar camp up the hollow and made sugar tree molasses, sugar cakes, and sugar Easter eggs. We also picked wild greens, wild fruit, and the various herbs for medicine. And I can remember Granny picking, washing, and carding

her wool, spinning it on her "little" wheel, and--very occasionally--making candles in the old candle mold. She leached out wood ashes for her soap in the old ash hopper, and we made a "run" of cider every fall, buried our apples and root vegetables in great holes in the back yard or garden, and picked great sacks of walnuts and chestnuts--the chestnuts picked from a great grove of trees, called the "Chestnut Orchard" which stood just across our line fence on the farm of my Uncle Dan'l (Daniel A. McNeill), who ran--with his two sons--the store down in the village, just above the fork where Rush Run goes into Swago Crick.

Our village had four centers--Uncle Dan'l's (Wint's) Store, the two room school house, and our two white churches, called the "Upper Church" and the "Lower".

When I was five, I went to my first school down at Buckeye. My father, "G.D." was principal, and Miss Annie Cleek was my first teacher. My primer book was about Dot and Don. "Here we are. We are Dot and Don. Here we are." In the second grade, Miss Pearl Carter was my teacher, and I still remember the memorization of the 48 states and of West Virginia's 55 counties: "Barbor, Berkley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, etc." In the third grade, Miss Marjorie Warwick was my teacher. Other Buckeye teachers I remember were Miss Carrie Brown (Morrison), Miss Clara Palmer, and Miss Anne Correll.

When I was in grade 4, my mother and father moved the family to Marlinton for about a year and a half, and I went to school to Miss

Matthews and Miss Pennybacker. For me, this move to town was rather difficult, and I was lonely, poor at my studies, and became utterly confused by the mathematical complexities of long division and common fractions.

Our town house, which we rented, was on Upper Camden--the big old house which today stands between the Miss Susie Gay House and Alice Waugh's. I often played with Alice and with Jean Sharp down on the next block. Other neighbors were the Mays, Wades, McCoys, McFerrins, and Duncans. I sometimes played with Billy Duncan or went down on Lower Camden to play with Libby Williams--a little girl with a blonde Dutch bob and blue eyes and an up-turned nose. Sometimes, too, I visited my little cousin Helen Overholt at her house near the old Fairground, and sometimes Aunt Lucy (Overholt) would send us out in the "Common" to bring home her Jersey milkcow. In our barn back of our house, we kept a farm milkcow or two, and there were several other cows who pastured on the town "Common," and--I believe, too, that a few chickens, inhabited the barns of allys of the town. On a few occasions an ox wagon passed along Upper Camden, and there was the Livery stable and the old "Opera House"--a monumental "drama" in cement.

As I look back at this old town circa 1920, it seems to me to have been a prosperous and self-sufficient village. There were the daily north and south trains, at least one drug store, groceries, hardware, banks, hotel, etc. There were four practicing physicians, three dentists, and numerous lawyers. We had regular ice service, a garbage wagon, and daily milk delivery. On Main Street were the banks, the

various stores, and even a milliner, whose job it was to trim the ladies' hats. The Tannery whistle marked the hours, and there were the churches and the two almost new brick schools.

During this era, my father was County Superintendent of Schools, and because one winter I was presumably too ill to attend school, I went with "G.D." in our Model-T Ford on a wide-ranging school visitation--to Durbin, Cass, Hillsboro, Huntersville, Elk, etc. and up the windy hollows to one room school houses on Droop and Beaver Creek. The question of my illness remains a question. Presumably, I was afflicted with St. Vitus Dance, but (in 1976) I am inclined to believe that my illness was the "common fractions syndrome." Anyway, I visited the country schools with G.D. and have always been able to add and subtract! This mathematical block of mine was a great puzzle and pain to G.D. who--at age seven--had already worked his way through Ray's Third Arithmetic!

To be a child in Marlinton during these years was to be happy and free. We played around the Slough, walked the railroad bridge, played hopscotch, roller skated (I one one of Jean Sharp's skates.....), rolled hoops, followed the ice wagon for its delicious "off-fallings", went to Chautaugua, to picnics, and hoped for an ice cream cone from Kee's Drug Store. Or one could attend a Sunday School festival, feast in Aunt Lucy's grape arbor on a fall Saturday, or wait for the utter bliss of circus day. Or if one grew tired of this all-year waiting, one could go up to the Depot and wait for the noon and afternoon trains.

My family's sojurn in town was not successful, and when I was about 10 years old, we returned to the farm and remained there--as my brother Jim still remains. I went to the 6th and 7th grades at Buckeye, where--by now--we had playground swings and our first "hot lunch"--. For this latter innovation, the children brought the meat and vegetables for a mighty soup pot which the teacher boiled all morning on the top of the "Big Room" heating stove.

When I was 12, I entered Edray District High School where "G.D." had just (1923) became principal. Some of the High School teachers, 1923-27, were "Cap" Killingsworth, "Bunyan" Lord, "Miss Fannie" (Overholt), Miss Lazenby, Miss Stancill, Esther Williams Green, Miss Eskridge, Miss Yeager, Miss Richardson, William D. Saunders, Jr., Mr. Travis, and Mr. Clutter--from whom I always managed a marginal D--in math.

In these years, "Bulldog" Kenny was our football star; Mary Warwick Dunlap, most attractive; Ed Rexrode, most popular; and Add McNeill our "wittiest boy". "Bunny" Hill and Libby Williams were our girls' basket-ball stars, and I became a questionable and heavy-footed guard on the '27 team. One of the more shocking "great events" of the 1927 season was that we girls first wore our "new" athletic shorts for basketball! These above-the-knees shorts replaced our black sateen or blue serge bloomers and were--along with the "boyish bob"--the very "latest" thing.

I remember many of the High School "kids" of this era. I remember Curtis McCoy and his banjo, and I remember Jesse Wiley, the Hill twins, the May girls--their lovely voices--and Margaret Van Reeman, Anna